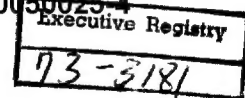


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13 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Strom Thurmond on 13 June 1973

1. In a courtesy call on Senator Thurmond, the following points were made:

a. He asked whether I would be continuing the reorganization of CIA begun by Mr. Schlesinger. I said I indeed intend to do so, and even perhaps go a little further in some respects.

b. He expressed some concern at the academic and "liberal" tone of some of our production in the past. I said that I am concerned about the academic tone and hope to make our product hard-hitting and precise on the major policy problems facing our Government.

c. He hopes that we can from time to time brief the Committee on the world situation and foreign policy problems. I said I am considering ways to improve our service to the Congress in this regard and would hope to have some ideas. Meanwhile, I hope to be as responsive as possible to any requests made.

d. Following on from the above, I commented on the need to hold down the investment in intelligence by improving ~~the~~ human collection and analysis and possibly saving some of the large expenditures required in the large technical systems. I said I have no easy answers to this but that it is obvious that we have to be careful of the amount of funds we require for intelligence.


2. Senator Thurmond wished me well, and we parted on a friendly note. I invited him to stop by the Agency any time at his convenience and

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said we would be glad to receive him. He indicated some interest in this possibility, as he lives in the neighborhood. ACTION: OLC - Please follow up.


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